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## PREFACE

This supplement updates the 1978 edition of *Presidential Vetoes, 1789-1976*.<sup>1</sup> and is intended to provide a comprehensive listing of vetoes of legislation enacted by the Congress from the 95th Congress through the 98th Congress, 1977-1984. It follows the same chronological arrangement and format of information used in the previous edition. It also continues the numbering system of that edition; the identifying number assigned to the first veto of the supplement follows in sequence that of the last veto in the 1978 edition. References in the index are to these numbers. The tabulation of vetoes by presidential administration has been updated to include those of President Carter and President Reagan's first term.

For the purposes of this publication, the term "regular veto" is used to indicate the action of the President when he disapproves a bill or joint resolution and returns it with his objections to the chamber in which it originated. A "pocket veto" is the designation applied to a bill or joint resolution that failed to become law at the expiration of ten days because the President withheld his signature and the Congress had adjourned during that period in a manner to prevent its return.

The veto power is established by the Constitution of the United States of America:

Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a Law, be presented to the President of the United States; If he approve he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his Objections to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the Objections at large on their Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such Reconsideration two thirds of that House shall agree to pass the Bill, it shall be sent, together with the Objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two thirds of that House, it shall become a Law. But in all such Cases the Votes of both Houses shall be determined by Yeas and Nays, and the Names of the Persons voting for and

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<sup>1</sup> U.S., Congress, Senate, Library, *Presidential Vetoes, 1789-1976*. Compiled by the Senate Library, under the direction of J. S. Kimmitt, Secretary of the Senate, Roger K. Haley, Librarian (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1978.)



against the Bill shall be entered on the Journal of each House respectively. If any Bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the Same shall be a Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their Adjournment prevent its Return, in which Case it shall not be a Law. Every Order, Resolution, or Vote to which the Concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessary (except on a question of Adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the United States; and before the Same shall take Effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the Rules and Limitations prescribed in the Case of a Bill.

(Article I, Section 7, clauses 2 and 3)

A comprehensive study of the presidential veto power, including its historical background, is contained in Zinn's "The Veto Power of the President,"<sup>2</sup> other useful sources include Mason's "The Veto Power,"<sup>3</sup> and *Congressional Quarterly's Guide to Congress*.<sup>4</sup>

The primary sources for this compilation were the *Journal of the House of Representatives* and the *Journal of the Senate*, the *Congressional Record*, *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*, and LEGIS, the Senate legislative information data base. Because the permanent edition of the *Congressional Record* for the years 1981-1984 had not been published at the time of printing, this booklet cites the pages of the daily editions for those years; it should be noted that the numbering of the pages of the daily edition differs from that of the permanent edition. As an additional aid, citations to the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* are provided for pocket vetoes for which the President had issued a memorandum of disapproval subsequent to the adjournment of Congress.

During the first term of the Reagan administration, a controversy arose concerning the interpretation of the constitutional provision relating to the pocket veto. The issue focused on whether or not an intrasession recess prevented the return of legislation to the Congress by the President when the Congress had appointed officers to receive messages. The United States Court of Appeals ruled that the use of the pocket veto was unconstitutional. (*Barnes v. Kline*, No. 84-5155 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 29, 1984)). The decision reversed a March 9, 1984, U.S. District Court ruling. (582 F. Supp. 163 (1984)). The veto in question (Veto No. 2414) is treated as a pocket veto in this booklet pending resolution of the case by the Supreme Court; a petition for rehearing had been filed with the District Court at the time of printing. Further details of this issue can be found in the notes to Veto No. 2414 and in

<sup>2</sup> U.S., Congress, House, Committee on the Judiciary, *The Veto Power of the President*, by Charles J. Zinn, Committee Print (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1951.)

<sup>3</sup> Edward C. Mason, "The Veto Power: Its Origin, Development and Function in the Government of the United States, 1789-1889," *Harvard Historical Monographs*, No. 1 (Boston: Ginn & Co., 1890.)

<sup>4</sup> Congressional Quarterly, *Congressional Quarterly's Guide to Congress*, 3d ed. (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Inc., 1982.)

"Pocket Veto Power Restricted; Big Gain for Legislative Branch." <sup>5</sup> Similar controversies were at issue during the Nixon and Ford administrations; the courts ruled in those instances that the intrasession recess did not prevent the return of the legislation. (364 F. Supp. 1075 (D.D.C. 1973), 511 F. 2d 430, 422 (D.C. Cir. 1974)).

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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<sup>5</sup> *Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report*, September 1, 1984, p. 2140.





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**Table 1 Numerical Summary of Bills Vetoed, 1789-1984**

President	Congresses coincident with terms	Regular vetoes	Pocket vetoes	Total vetoes	Vetoes overridden
George Washington	1, 2, 3, 4	2		2	
John Adams	5, 6			0	
Thomas Jefferson	7, 8, 9, 10			0	
James Madison	11, 12, 13, 14	5	2	7	
James Monroe	15, 16, 17, 18	1		1	
John Q. Adams	19, 20			0	
Andrew Jackson	21, 22, 23, 24	5	7	12	
Martin Van Buren	25, 26		1	1	
W. H. Harrison	27			0	
John Tyler	27, 28	6	4	10	1
James K. Polk	29, 30	2	1	3	
Zachary Taylor	31			0	
Millard Fillmore	31, 32			0	
Franklin Pierce	33, 34	9		9	5
James Buchanan	35, 36	4	3	7	
Abraham Lincoln	37, 38, 39	2	5	7	
Andrew Johnson	39, 40	21	8	29	15
Ulysses S. Grant	41, 42, 43, 44	45	48	93	4
Rutherford B. Hayes	45, 46	12	1	13	1
James A. Garfield	47			0	
Chester A. Arthur	47, 48	4	8	12	1
Grover Cleveland	49, 50	304	110	414	2
Benjamin Harrison	51, 52	19	25	44	1
Grover Cleveland	53, 54	42	128	170	5
William McKinley	55, 56, 57	6	36	42	
Theodore Roosevelt	57, 58, 59, 60	42	40	82	1
William H. Taft	61, 62	30	9	39	1
Woodrow Wilson	63, 64, 65, 66	33	11	44	6
Warren G. Harding	67	5	1	6	
Calvin Coolidge	68, 69, 70	20	30	50	4
Herbert Hoover	71, 72	21	16	37	3
Franklin D. Roosevelt	73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79	372	263	635	9
Harry S. Truman	79, 80, 81, 82	180	70	250	12
Dwight D. Eisenhower	83, 84, 85, 86	73	108	181	2
John F. Kennedy	87, 88	12	9	21	
Lyndon B. Johnson	88, 89, 90	16	14	30	
Richard M. Nixon	91, 92, 93	26	17	43	7
Gerald R. Ford	93, 94	48	18	66	12
Jimmy Carter	95, 96	13	18	31	2
Ronald Reagan <sup>1</sup>	97, 98	18	21	39	4
Total <sup>2</sup>		1398	1032	2430	98

<sup>1</sup> The veto of No. 2414 is counted as a pocket veto pending appeal to the Supreme Court on constitutional issues.

<sup>2</sup> The total number of vetoes tabulated is 2430; this figure does not correspond to the total number of veto entries in the text which is 2431, because a Grant pocket veto is uncounted in the table on the grounds that the bill was not placed before the President for signature. (See *Presidential Vetoes, 1789-1976*, Table 1, and Veto No. 182, p. 54.)

Table 2                      Dates of Sessions of the Congress

Congress	Session	Date of beginning	Date of adjournment	Recesses	
				Senate	House
95th	1	Jan. 4, 1977	Dec. 15, 1977	Feb. 11-Feb. 21, 1977	Feb. 9-Feb. 16, 1977
				Apr. 7-Apr. 18, 1977	Apr. 6-Apr. 18, 1977
				May 27-June 6, 1977	May 26-June 1, 1977
				July 1-July 11, 1977	June 30-July 11, 1977
				Aug. 6-Sept. 7, 1977	Aug. 5-Sept. 7, 1977
	2	Jan. 19, 1978	Oct. 15, 1978	Oct. 6-Oct. 11, 1977	Oct. 6-Oct. 11, 1977
				Feb. 10-Feb. 20, 1978	Feb. 9-Feb. 14, 1978
				Mar. 23-Apr. 3, 1978	Mar. 22-Apr. 3, 1978
				May 26-June 5, 1978	May 25-May 31, 1978
				June 29-July 10, 1978	June 29-July 10, 1978
				Aug. 25-Sept. 6, 1978	Aug. 17-Sept. 6, 1978

Congress	Session	Date of beginning	Date of adjournment	Recesses	
				Senate	House
96th	1	Jan. 15, 1979	Jan. 3, 1980	Feb. 9-Feb. 19, 1979	Feb. 8-Feb. 13, 1979
				Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979	Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979
				May 24-June 4, 1979	May 24-May 30, 1979
				June 27-July 9, 1979	June 29-July 9, 1979
				Aug. 3-Sept. 5, 1979	Aug. 2-Sept. 5, 1979
				Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979	Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979
				(Senate adjourned sine die, Dec. 20, 1979)	(House adjourned sine die, Jan. 3, 1980)
				Apr. 3-Apr. 15, 1980	Feb. 13-Feb. 19, 1980
				May 22-May 28, 1980	Apr. 2-Apr. 15, 1980
				July 2-July 21, 1980	May 22-May 28, 1980
97th	2	Jan. 3, 1980	Dec. 16, 1980	Aug. 6-Aug. 18, 1980	July 2-July 21, 1980
				Aug. 27-Sept. 3, 1980	Aug. 1-Aug. 18, 1980
				Oct. 1-Nov. 12, 1980	Aug. 28-Sept. 3, 1980
				Nov. 25-Dec. 1, 1980	Oct. 2-Nov. 12, 1980
					Nov. 21-Dec. 1, 1980



Table 2                      Dates of Sessions of the Congress (Continued)

Congress	Session	Date of beginning	Date of adjournment	Recesses	
				Senate	House
97th	1	Jan. 5, 1981	Dec. 16, 1981	Feb. 6-Feb. 16, 1981	Feb. 6-Feb. 17, 1981
				Apr. 10-Apr. 27, 1981	Apr. 10-Apr. 27, 1981
				June 25-July 8, 1981	June 26-July 8, 1981
				Aug. 3-Sept. 9, 1981	Aug. 4-Sept. 9, 1981
				Oct. 7-Oct. 14, 1981	Oct. 7-Oct. 13, 1981
2				Nov. 24-Nov. 30, 1981	Nov. 23-Nov. 30, 1981
		Jan. 25, 1982	Dec. 23, 1982	Feb. 11-Feb. 22, 1982	Feb. 10-Feb. 22, 1982
				Apr. 1-Apr. 13, 1982	Apr. 6-Apr. 20, 1982
				May 27-June 8, 1982	May 27-June 2, 1982
				July 1-July 12, 1982	July 1-July 12, 1982
				Aug. 20-Sept. 8, 1982	Aug. 20-Sept. 8, 1982
				Oct. 1-Nov. 29, 1982	Oct. 1-Nov. 29, 1982

Congress	Session	Date of beginning	Date of adjournment	Recesses	
				Senate	House
98th	1	Jan. 3, 1983	Nov. 18, 1983	Jan. 3-Jan. 25, 1983	Jan. 6-Jan. 25, 1983
				Feb. 3-Feb. 14, 1983	Feb. 17-Feb. 22, 1983
				Mar. 24-April 5, 1983	Mar. 24-April 5, 1983
				May 26-June 6, 1983	May 26-June 1, 1983
				June 29-July 11, 1983	June 30-July 11, 1983
				Aug. 4-Sept. 12, 1983	Aug. 4-Sept. 12, 1983
				Oct. 7-Oct. 17, 1983	Oct. 6-Oct. 17, 1983
				Feb. 9-Feb. 20, 1984	Feb. 9-Feb. 21, 1984
				April 12-April 24, 1984	April 12-April 24, 1984
				May 24-May 31, 1984	May 24-May 30, 1984
99th	2	Jan. 23, 1984	Oct. 12, 1984	June 29-July 23, 1984	June 23-July 23, 1984
				Aug. 10-Sept. 5, 1984	Aug. 10-Sept. 5, 1984





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**JIMMY CARTER**

President Carter vetoed thirty-one bills, of which thirteen were regular vetoes and 18 were pocket vetoes. Two were overridden (Nos. 2385 and 2386).

**Ninety-fifth Congress, First Session****Regular Vetoes**

**2362 S. 1811.**

To authorize appropriations for the Energy Research and Development Administration.

*Vetoed on November 5, 1977.* The veto message was laid before the Senate and printed as S. Doc. No. 95-73. (123 Cong. Rec. 37455).

***Veto unchallenged.***

**2363 H.R. 2521.**

To provide for the mandatory inspection of domesticated rabbits slaughtered for human food.

Vetoed on November 9, 1977. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and printed as H. Doc. No. 95-261. (123 Cong. Rec. 37513; 38003).

***Veto unchallenged.***

**Ninety-fifth Congress, Second Session****Regular Vetoes**

**2364 H.R. 3161.**

To improve the basic work of firefighting personnel of executive agencies.

*Vetoed on June 19, 1978.* The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, and printed as H. Doc. 95-358. (124 Cong. Rec. 18311; 19332-19334).

***Veto unchallenged.***

**2365 H.R. 10882.**

To authorize appropriations to carry out conservation programs on military and public lands.

*Vetoed on July 10, 1978.* The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and printed as H. Doc. 95-368. (124 Cong. Rec. 20059).

*Veto unchallenged.*

**2366 H.R. 10929.**

Department of Defense Appropriation Authorization Act, 1979—Procurement.

*Vetoed on August 17, 1978.* The veto message was laid before the House and printed as H. Doc. 95-377. (124 Cong. Rec. 28082-28083). The House sustained the veto on September 7, 1978, by a vote of 191 yeas to 206 nays. (124 Cong. Rec. 28343-28362).

*Veto sustained.*

**2367 H.R. 12928.**

Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act, 1979.

*Vetoed on October 5, 1978.* The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and printed as H. Doc. 95-393. (124 Cong. Rec. 33704). The House sustained the veto on October 5, 1978, by a vote of 223 yeas to 190 nays. (124 Cong. Rec. 33704-33728).

*Veto sustained.*

Pocket Vetoes

**2368 S. 1104.**

To establish the Legionville National Historic Site in Pennsylvania.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 23, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38084). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 2, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38087).

**2369 S. 1503.**

To provide for the payment of losses incurred as a result of the ban on Tris.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 27, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38085). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 15, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38087).

**2370 S. 2416.**

To extend for two years the assistance program for nurse training.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 30, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38085). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 10, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38088).

**2371 H.R. 6536.**

To establish a sound basis for financing retirement benefits for personnel of the District of Columbia.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 24, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38779). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 4, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38784-38785).

**2372 H.R. 9370.**

To provide for the development of aquaculture in the United States.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 6, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 35831). A Presidential message was received by Congress on October 18, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38786).

**2373 H.R. 9518.**

Shipping Act Amendments.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 24, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38779). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 4, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38785).

**2374 H.R. 9937.**

To amend the One Bank Holding Company Act of 1970.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 31, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38781). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 11, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38786).

**2375 H.R. 11092.**

The Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Commission Amendments.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 24, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38780). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 4, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38784).

**2376 H.R. 11445.**

To amend the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 24, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38771). A Presidential message was received by Congress on October 25, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38783).

**2377 H.R. 11545.**

Meat and Livestock Import Amendments.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 31, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38781). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 11, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38785-38786).

**2378 H.R. 11580.**

To make lawful certain activities concerning certain foreign and domestic legal lotteries.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 24, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38780). A Presidential message



was received by Congress on November 4, 1978. (October 14, 1978 S. Jour., p. 852).

**2379 H.R. 11861.**

To establish a Navy-Maritime Advisory Board.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 24, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38780). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 4, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38784).

**2380 H.R. 13719.**

To offset the loss in tax revenues incurred by Guam and the Virgin Islands.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 24, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38780). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 4, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38785).

**Ninety-sixth Congress, First Session**

**Regular Vetoes**

**2381 S. 2096.**

To provide for a study of the long-term health effects in humans of exposure to dioxins.

*Vetoed on January 2, 1980.* The veto message was laid before the Senate and printed as S. Doc. 96-39. (126 Cong. Rec. 6).

***Veto unchallenged.***

**Ninety-sixth Congress, Second Session**

**Regular Vetoes**

**2382 S. 1464.**

To acquire land for the benefit of the Mille Lacs Band of Minnesota Chippewa Indians.

*Vetoed on October 11, 1980.* The veto message was laid before the Senate and printed as Presidential Message 251. (126 Cong. Rec. 29370).

***Veto unchallenged.***

**2383 H.R. 5036.**

To convey land in Colorado to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.



*Vetoed on June 6, 1980.* The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and printed as H. Doc. 96-324. (126 Cong. Rec. 13655-13656).  
***Veto unchallenged.***

**2384 H.R. 5235.**

To revise the special pay provisions for certain uniformed services health professionals.

*Vetoed on March 11, 1980.* The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and printed as H. Doc. 96-280. (126 Cong. Rec. 5250, 5372).  
***Veto unchallenged.***

**2385 H.R. 7102.**

To promote the recruitment and retention of health care personnel in the Department of Medicine and Surgery in the Veterans Administration.

*Vetoed on August 22, 1980.* The veto message was laid before the House and printed as H. Doc. 96-362. (126 Cong. Rec. 23050, 23229).

The House overrode the veto on August 26, 1980, by a vote of 401 yeas to 5 nays. (126 Cong. Rec. 23100-23108).

The Senate overrode the veto on August 26, 1980, by a vote of 85 yeas to 0 nays. (126 Cong. Rec. 23232-23237).  
***Veto overridden.*** (94 Stat. 1030; Public Law 96-330).

**2386 H.R. 7428.**

To extend the present public debt limit through June 30, 1980.

*Vetoed on June 5, 1980.* The veto message was laid before the House and printed as H. Doc. 96-323. (126 Cong. Rec. 13523).

The House overrode the veto on June 5, 1980, by a vote of 335 yeas to 34 nays. (126 Cong. Rec. 13524).

The Senate overrode the veto on June 6, 1980, by a vote of 68 yeas to 10 nays. (126 Cong. Rec. 13583-13594).  
***Veto overridden.*** (94 Stat. 439; Public Law 96-264).

**2387 H.R. 7584.**

Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce Appropriations, 1981.

*Vetoed on December 13, 1980.* The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and printed as H. Doc. 96-397. (126 Cong. Rec. 34098-34099).

***Veto unchallenged.***

Pocket Vetoes

2388 S. 442.

For the relief of Isaac Hulner of Kansas City, Missouri.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 96th Congress adjourned sine die on December 16, 1980. The bill was presented to the President on December 16, 1980. (126 Cong. Rec. 34375). A Presidential message was received by Congress on December 30, 1980. (December 16, 1980 S. Jour. p. 820; see also 17 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 2846, January 5, 1981).

2389 S. 1097.

To establish a national tourism policy.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 96th Congress adjourned sine die on December 16, 1980. The bill was presented to the President on December 13, 1980. (126 Cong. Rec. 34020). A Presidential message was received by Congress on December 30, 1980. (December 16, 1980 S. Jour. p. 819; see also 16 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 2838, December 19, 1980).

2390 H.R. 4386.

For the relief of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Oveson.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 96th Congress adjourned sine die on December 16, 1980. The bill was presented to the President on December 15, 1980. (126 Cong. Rec. 34196). A Presidential message was received by Congress on December 30, 1980. (126 Cong. Rec. 34415).

2391 H.R. 5888.

To provide death benefits to survivors of Federal law enforcement officers and firefighters.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 96th Congress adjourned sine die on December 16, 1980. The bill was presented to the President on December 12, 1980. (126 Cong. Rec. 34196). A Presidential message was received by Congress on December 30, 1980. (126 Cong. Rec. 34414-34415).

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2392 H.R. 6257.

To convey certain National Forest System lands.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 96th Congress adjourned sine die on December 16, 1980. The bill was presented to the President on December 18, 1980. (126 Cong. Rec. 34412). A Presidential message was received by Congress on December 30, 1980. (126 Cong. Rec. 34415).

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**RONALD REAGAN**

In his first term, President Reagan vetoed thirty-nine bills, of which eighteen were regular vetoes and twenty-one were pocket vetoes. Four were overridden (Nos. 2400, 2402, 2412, and 2415).

**Ninety-seventh Congress, First Session <sup>1</sup>**
**Regular Veto**

**2393 H.J. Res. 357.**

Continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1982.

*Vetoed on November 23, 1981.* The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and printed as H. Doc. 97-115. (127 Cong. Rec. H8823).

***Veto unchallenged.***

**Pocket Veto**

**2394 H.R. 4353.**

To amend the Federal Bankruptcies Act of 1978.

Pocket veto occurred after the 1st session of the 97th Congress adjourned sine die on December 16, 1981. The bill was presented to the President on December 18, 1981. (127 Cong. Rec. H9934). A Presidential message was received by Congress on January 6, 1982. (127 Cong. Rec. H9935; see also 17 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1429, January 4, 1982).

**Ninety-seventh Congress, Second Session**
**Regular Vetoes**

**2395 S. 1503.**

Standby Petroleum Allocation Act of 1982.

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<sup>1</sup> Beginning at this point, references to the *Congressional Record* are made to the page numbers of the daily editions; the page numbers of Senate proceedings are preceded by the letter "S" and those of House proceedings are preceded by the letter "H."

*Vetoed on March 20, 1982.* The veto message was laid before the Senate and printed as S. Doc. 97-25. (128 Cong. Rec. S2513). The Senate sustained the veto on March 24, 1982, by a vote of 58 yeas to 36 nays. (128 Cong. Rec. S2722-S2746).

***Veto sustained.***

**2396 S. 2577.**

To authorize appropriations for environmental research, development, and demonstration for fiscal year 1983.

*Vetoed on October 22, 1982.* The veto message was laid before the Senate and printed as S. Doc. 97-37. (128 Cong. Rec. S13622).

***Veto unchallenged.***

**2397 H.R. 1371.**

To amend section 12 of the Contracts Disputes Act of 1978.

*Vetoed on October 15, 1982.* The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and printed as H. Doc. 97-253. (128 Cong. Rec. H8515).

***Veto unchallenged.***

**2398 H.R. 5118.**

To provide water and settle water rights to the Papago Tribe of Arizona.

*Vetoed on June 1, 1982.* The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and printed as H. Doc. 97-191. (128 Cong. Rec. H3130, H3328).

***Veto unchallenged.***

**2399 H.R. 5922.**

Makes urgent supplemental appropriations and rescinds certain budget authority for fiscal year ending September 30, 1982.

*Vetoed on June 24, 1982.* The veto message was laid before the House and printed as H. Doc. 97-204. (128 Cong. Rec. H3919).

The House sustained the veto on June 24, 1982, by a vote of 253 yeas to 151 nays. (128 Cong. Rec. H3919-H3929).

***Veto sustained.***



**2400 H.R. 6198.**

To amend the manufacturing clause of the Copyright Law.

*Vetoed on July 8, 1982.* The veto message was laid before the House and printed as H. Doc. 97-208. (128 Cong. Rec. H3984).

The House overrode the veto on July 13, 1982, by a vote of 324 yeas to 86 nays. (128 Cong. Rec. H4016-H4023).

The Senate overrode the veto on July 13, 1982, by a vote of 84 yeas to 9 nays. (128 Cong. Rec. S8099-S8106).

*Veto overridden.* (96 Stat. 178; Public Law 97-215).

**2401 H.R. 6682.**

Urgent supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982.

*Vetoed on June 25, 1982.* The veto message was laid before the House and printed as H. Doc. 97-205. (128 Cong. Rec. H3972).

The House sustained the veto on July 13, 1982, by a vote of 242 yeas to 169 nays. (128 Cong. Rec. H4024-H4032).

*Veto sustained.*

(A similar bill, H.R. 6685, became Public Law 97-216; 96 Stat 180).

**2402 H.R. 6863.**

Supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982.

*Vetoed on August 28, 1982.* The veto message was laid before the House and printed as H. Doc. 97-231. (128 Cong. Rec. H6743).

The House overrode the veto on September 9, 1982, by a vote of 301 yeas to 117 nays. (128 Cong. Rec. H6831-H6855).

The Senate overrode the veto on September 10, 1982, by a vote of 60 yeas to 30 nays. (128 Cong. Rec. S11249-S11267).

*Veto overridden.* (96 Stat 818; Public Law 97-257).

## Pocket Vetoes

**2403 S. 2623.**

To amend the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 97th Congress adjourned sine die on December 23, 1982. The bill was presented to the President on December 22, 1982. (128 Cong. Rec. S16083). A Presidential message was received by Congress on January 20, 1983. (January 20, 1983 S. Jour., p. 752; see also 129 Cong. Rec. H123; 19 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 7, January 10, 1983).

**2404 H.R. 9.**

National wilderness preservation system in Florida.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 97th Congress adjourned sine die on December 23, 1982. The bill was presented to the President on January 3, 1983. (129 Cong. Rec. H39). A Presidential message was received by Congress on January 20, 1983. (January 20, 1983 S. Jour., p. 753; see also 129 Cong. Rec. H124; 19 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 46, January 17, 1983).

**2405 H.R. 3963.**

To amend the Contract Services for Drug Dependent Federal Offenders Act of 1978.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 97th Congress adjourned sine die on December 23, 1982. The bill was presented to the President on January 3, 1983. (129 Cong. Rec. H39). A Presidential message was received by Congress on January 20, 1983. (January 20, 1983 S. Jour., p. 754; see also 129 Cong. Rec. H124; 19 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 47, January 17, 1983).

**2406 H.R. 5858.**

For the relief of Mocatta and Goldsmid, Limited, Sharps, Pixley and Company, Limited, and Primary Metal and Mineral Corporation.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 97th Congress adjourned sine die on December 23, 1982. The bill was presented to the President on December 23, 1982. (129 Cong. Rec. H39). A Presidential message was received by Congress on January 20, 1983. (January 20, 1983 S. Jour., p. 752; see also 129 Cong.

Rec. H122; 19 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 9, January 10, 1893).

**2407 H.R. 7336.**

Technical amendments to the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act of 1981.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 97th Congress adjourned sine die on December 23, 1982. The bill was presented to the President on January 3, 1982. (129 Cong. Rec. H39). A Presidential message was received by Congress on January 20, 1983. (January 20, 1983 S. Jour., p. 753; see also 129 Cong. Rec. H123; 19 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 38, January 17, 1983).

**Ninety-eighth Congress, First Session**

**Regular Vetoes**

**2408 S.J. Res. 149.**

Prohibits the Secretary of Agriculture from imposing a milk assessment.

*Vetoed on August 23, 1983.* The veto message was laid before the Senate, and printed as S. Doc. 98-14. (129 Cong. Rec. S11982).  
***Veto unchallenged.***

**2409 S. 366.**

Mashantucket Pequot Indian Claims Settlement Act.

*Vetoed on April 5, 1983.* The veto message was laid before the Senate, and printed as S. Doc. 98-4. (129 Cong. Rec. S4154).  
***Veto unchallenged.***

**2410 S. 973.**

Technical amendments to the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act.

*Vetoed on June 18, 1983.* The veto message was laid before the Senate, and printed as S. Doc. 98-8. (129 Cong. Rec. S8671).  
***Veto unchallenged.***  
(A similar bill, S. 1530, became Public Law 98-250; 98 Stat. 118).

**2411 H.J. Res. 338.**

Corrections to Public Law 98-63—Student Financial Assistance.

*Vetoed on August 13, 1983.* The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the House Committee on Appropriations and printed as H. Doc. 98-94. (129 Cong. Rec. H6690).

***Veto unchallenged.***

**2412 H.R. 1062.**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands in Lane County, Oregon.

*Vetoed on October 19, 1983.* The veto message was laid before the House, and printed as H. Doc. 98-124. (129 Cong. Rec. H8471).

The House overrode the veto on October 24, 1983, by a vote of 297 yeas to 125 nays. (129 Cong. Rec. H8583-H8591).

The Senate overrode the veto on October 25, 1983, by a vote of 95 yeas to 0 nays. (129 Cong. Rec. S14595-S14597).

***Veto overridden.*** (97 Stat. 864; Public Law 98-137).

**2413 H.R. 3564.**

Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to announce earlier 1984 crop feed grain program and 1985 wheat and feed grain program.

*Vetoed on August 12, 1983.* The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the House Committee on Agriculture, and printed as H. Doc. 98-95. (129 Cong. Rec. H6691, H7132).

***Veto unchallenged.***

Pocket Vetoes

**2414 H.R. 4042.**

To continue in effect the current certification requirements with respect to El Salvador.

Pocket veto occurred after the 1st session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on November 18, 1983. The bill was presented to the President on November 18, 1983. (129 Cong. Rec. H10663).

**Note:** The U.S. Court of Appeals on August 29, 1984, ruled that use of the pocket veto to H.R. 4042 was unconstitutional since Congress has appointed officers to receive Presidential messages while Congress was in recess and it was possible to reconvene members. (Barnes v. Kline, No. 84-5155. (D.C. Cir. Aug. 19, 1984)). The decision reversed a March 9, 1984, U.S. District Court ruling. (582 F. Supp. 163. (1984)).



A petition for rehearing has been filed and a supplemental was to be filed by May 17, 1985.

## Ninety-eighth Congress, Second Session

### Regular Vetoes

#### 2415 S. 684.

To authorize an ongoing program of water resources research.

*Vetoed on February 21, 1984.* The veto message was laid before the Senate, and printed as S. Doc. 98-24. (130 Cong. Rec. S1389).

The Senate overrode the veto on March 21, 1984, by a vote of 86 yeas to 12 nays. (130 Cong. Rec. S2975-S2991).

The House overrode the veto on March 22, 1984, by a vote of 309 yeas to 81 nays. (130 Cong. Rec. H1904-H1910).

*Veto overridden.* (98 Stat. 97; Public Law 98-242).

#### 2416 S. 2436.

Public Broadcasting Amendments Act of 1984.

*Vetoed on August 29, 1984.* The veto message was laid before the Senate, and printed as S. Doc. 98-32. (130 Cong. Rec. S10720).

*Veto unchallenged.*

#### 2417 H.R. 1362.

For the relief of Joseph Karel Hasek.

*Vetoed on October 8, 1984.* The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and printed as H. Doc. 98-274. (130 Cong. Rec. H11593).

*Veto unchallenged.* (A similar bill, H.R. 6438, became Private Law 98-54).

### Pocket Vetoes

#### 2418 S. 540.

National Institutes of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Act of 1983.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 19, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. S14616). A Presidential message



was received by Congress on January 22, 1985. (131 Cong. Rec. S462; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1692, November 5, 1984).

**2419 S. 607.**

Public Broadcasting Amendments of 1984.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 10, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. S14095). A Presidential message was received by Congress on January 22, 1985. (131 Cong. Rec. S463; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1584, October 22, 1984).

**2420 S. 1097.**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Atmospheric and Satellite Program Authorization Act.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 9, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. S13931). A Presidential message was received by Congress on January 22, 1985. (131 Cong. Rec. S464; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1583, October 22, 1984).

**2421 S. 1967.**

To compensate the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribe of the Fort Belknap Indian Community for irrigation construction expenditures.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 5, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. S13689). A Presidential message was received by Congress on January 22, 1985. (131 Cong. Rec. S463; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1567, October 22, 1984).

**2422 S. 2166.**

Indian Health Care Amendments of 1983.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 10, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. S14096). A Presidential message was received by Congress on January 22, 1985. (131 Cong. Rec. S464; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1583, October 22, 1984).

**2423 S. 2574.**

Nurse Education Amendments of 1984.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 19, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. S14617). A Presidential message was received by Congress on January 22, 1985. (131 Cong. Rec. S463; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1693, November 5, 1984).

**2424 H.R. 452.**

For the relief of Jerome J. Hartmann and Rita J. Hartmann.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 19, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12287). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 14, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12291; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1694, November 5, 1984).

**2525 H.R. 723.**

For the relief of Marsha D. Christopher.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 19, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12287). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 14, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12291; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1695, November 5, 1984).

**2426 H.R. 999.**

American Conservation Corps Act of 1983.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 19, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12287). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 14, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12291; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1695, November 5, 1984).

**2427 H.R. 2859.**

For the Relief of John Brima Charles.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 5, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H11687). A Presidential mes-

sage was received by Congress on November 14, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12291; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1586, October 22, 1984).

**2428 H.R. 5172.**

National Bureau of Standards Authorization Act for FY1984 and 1985; Metric Evaluation Act of 1985.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 18, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12287). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 14, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12292; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1696, November 5, 1984).

**2429 H.R. 5479.**

To amend Section 504 of Title 5 and Section 2412 of Title 28, United States Code, with respect to awards of expenses of certain agency and court proceedings.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 29, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12288). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 14, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12292; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1814, November 12, 1984).

**2430 H.R. 5760.**

To declare that the United States holds in trust for the Cocopah Indian Tribe of Arizona certain land in Yuma County, Arizona.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 19, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12287). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 14, 1985. (131 Cong. Rec. H12292; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1697, November 5, 1984).

**2431 H.R. 6248.**

Armed Career Criminal Act of 1984.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 98th Congress adjourned sine die on October 12, 1984. The bill was presented to the President on October 11, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12283). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 14, 1984. (130 Cong. Rec. H12291; see also 20 Weekly Comp. of Pres. Doc. 1582, October 22, 1984).

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